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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

November 29, 2005

On December 8, 2005, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness will launch the first National Project Homeless Connect Day. This national event will unite government, community volunteers, non-profit agencies, businesses, and faith-based organizations to create a single point of engagement with services and housing for homeless individuals and families. Project Homeless Connect Day is a unique opportunity for homeless citizens to access services in a supportive community setting.

People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) is organizing the only Project Homeless Connect Day event in Los Angeles County and are calling it Project Y!MBY (Yes! In My Backyard) Connect Day. Hollygrove Children and Family Services is donating the use of its facility in Hollywood for the event. The County's health and human services departments are participating in Project Y!MBY Connect Day as well as local non-profit agencies, the City of Los Angeles, the Social Security Administration and the Office of Veteran's Affairs.

Project Y!MBY Connect Day is expecting to serve 300 homeless individuals. Each participant will receive a comprehensive needs assessment and then will be escorted by a volunteer to a variety of agencies that can provide screening for eligibility and connection with services. All participants also will go through a discharge process prior

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to leaving the site to ensure that they have been served properly and to confirm service eligibility, appointments, and referrals.

Project Y!MBY Connect Day will rely heavily on volunteers to serve as intake workers, escorts, food servers, and, discharge workers.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, as Project Homeless Connect Day in Los Angeles County;
2. Direct County Departments including the Departments of Public Social Services, Health Services, Mental Health, and Children and Family Services to participate in the PROJECT Y!MBY CONNECT DAY and to work with the County Chief Administrative Office-Service Integration Branch to ensure effective County coordination on December 8, 2005;
3. Request that County departments encourage their staffs to volunteer on the day of the event and accommodate reasonable requests for personal leave by County staff that choose to volunteer;
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with County departments regarding deployment of County staff who work in both an official and voluntary capacity at the event.